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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during July was estimated at 1,613,400, a decrease of 200 employees from the June, 1991 revised level, but 14,100 above the July, 1990 figure.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 337,700, was 400 above the June figure. Mining employment was higher due to increased production of crude petroleum and natural gas. Construction employment was higher in each segment of the industry. Further layoffs in the transportation equipment sector resulted in an employment drop for the manufacturing industry.

Employment in the service producing sector was estimated at 1,275,700 for July, a decrease of 600 employees from the June estimate. Lower employment in the transportation, communications, and public utilities industry was due to less business in each segment. Trade employment rose in both the wholesale and retail segments. Increases in real estate and insurance were responsible for the gain in finance, insurance, and real estate employment. Higher employment for engineering and management services, and health services accounted for much of the gain in total services employment. Government employment was down as a result of a decrease in local education staff.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 132,400 production workers in manufacturing increased from $506.85 in June to $508.02 in July, an increase of $1.17 and an increase of $12.69 from July of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.14 higher in July than June and $0.30 higher than July a year ago. Average weekly hours for July were 42.3, a decrease of 0.4 hours from the June revised level of 42.7 hours.

The July preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.9 percent, up from the June revised rate of 7.4 percent. The average unemployment rate for the last three months (May, June, July) was 7.5 percent compared to 6.4 percent for the same period last year.

The comparable national unemployment rate for July was 6.7 percent. The national rate for June was 6.9 percent.

Total unemployment increased to 159,100. Claims for unemployment insurance increased which is normal in July.

The state's civilian labor force increased to 2,003,900 with an increase in total employment to 1,844,800.

LOUISIANA

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1991*	June 1991**	July 1990**	Net Change From June 1991	Net Change From July 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1613.4	1613.6	1599.3	- 0.2	+14.1
GOODS PRODUCING	337.7	337.3	332.0	+ 0.4	+ 5.7
MINING	56.5	56.2	56.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.7	54.4	54.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	97.6	96.8	91.4	+ 0.8	+ 6.2
General Contractors	20.4	20.2	18.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.3
Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg.	39.3	38.8	36.2	+ 0.5	+ 3.1
Special Trade Contractors	37.9	37.8	37.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	183.6	184.3	184.6	- 0.7	- 1.0
Durable Goods	80.9	81.3	82.4	- 0.4	- 1.5
Lumber and Wood Products	12.6	12.4	12.6	+ 0.2	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.2	5.2	5.5	0	- 0.3
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	14.4	14.3	14.4	+ 0.1	0
Machinery, Except Electrical	12.3	12.2	11.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.2	6.4	6.0	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Transportation Equipment	23.7	24.3	25.6	- 0.6	- 1.9
Other Durable Goods (1)	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	102.7	103.0	102.2	- 0.3	+ 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	22.1	21.6	21.1	+ 0.5	+ 1.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.9	10.3	10.7	- 0.4	- 0.8
Paper & Allied Products	12.3	12.3	12.4	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	9.7	9.8	10.1	- 0.1	- 0.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	30.3	30.3	29.5	0	+ 0.8
Inorganic Chemicals	6.1	6.1	5.8	0	+ 0.3
Organic Chemicals	11.2	11.2	11.0	0	+ 0.2
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.0	11.9	11.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Petroleum Refining	11.1	11.0	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	6.4	6.8	6.9	- 0.4	- 0.5
SERVICE PRODUCING	1275.7	1276.3	1267.3	- 0.6	+ 8.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	111.1	111.4	111.8	- 0.3	- 0.7
Railroad Transportation	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
Transportation, ex. Railroads	67.0	67.2	67.2	- 0.2	- 0.2
Water Transportation	27.2	27.3	27.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
Communications & Public Utilities	39.3	39.4	39.8	- 0.1	- 0.5
Comm., ex. US Postal Service	16.5	16.7	17.2	- 0.2	- 0.7
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.8	22.7	22.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1991*	June 1991**	July 1990**	Net Change From June 1991	Net Change From July 1990
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	377.3	376.8	374.0	+ 0.5	+ 3.3
Wholesale Trade	87.4	87.2	86.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.8	47.8	47.3	0	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	39.6	39.4	38.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Retail Trade	289.9	289.6	287.9	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	10.0	10.1	10.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
General Merchandise	41.2	41.1	40.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Food Stores	57.4	56.9	57.3	+ 0.5	+ 0.1
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.7	30.5	30.9	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Apparel and Accessory	16.2	16.1	16.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Furniture and Equipment	9.8	9.7	9.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Eating and Drinking Places	93.0	93.5	93.4	- 0.5	- 0.4
Other Retail Trade	31.6	31.7	30.2	- 0.1	+ 1.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	79.5	79.2	78.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Banking	29.5	29.5	29.9	0	- 0.4
Insurance	26.8	26.6	26.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
SERVICES	382.0	381.3	375.4	+ 0.7	+ 6.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.0	22.1	22.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Personal Services	13.9	13.8	13.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Business Services	63.4	63.7	63.9	- 0.3	- 0.5
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	11.5	11.7	11.7	- 0.2	- 0.2
Miscellaneous Repair Services	8.3	8.1	7.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Amusement & Recreation Services	13.5	13.4	13.8	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Health Services	121.4	120.7	117.8	+ 0.7	+ 3.6
Hospitals	53.9	53.7	52.0	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
Legal Services	16.3	16.4	16.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
Educational Services	21.6	21.8	21.4	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Social Services	22.0	22.4	21.3	- 0.4	+ 0.7
Membership Organizations	28.6	28.5	26.5	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	29.7	29.1	29.1	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
Miscellaneous Services	5.3	5.1	5.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	325.8	327.6	327.3	- 1.8	- 1.5
Federal	38.6	38.5	40.2	+ 0.1	- 1.6
State and Local	287.2	289.1	287.1	- 1.9	+ 0.1
State	98.6	98.5	95.1	+ 0.1	+ 3.5
Local	188.6	190.6	192.0	- 2.0	- 3.4

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	July '91*	June '91**	July '90**	July '91*	June '91**	July '90**	July '91*	June '91**	July '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	508.02	506.85	495.33	42.3	42.7	42.3	12.01	11.87	11.71
Durable Goods	445.30	446.65	443.22	41.5	41.9	41.5	10.73	10.66	10.68
Lumber & Wood Products	393.13	390.82	392.86	42.5	42.9	43.7	9.25	9.11	8.99
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	417.10	401.65	411.07	39.8	39.3	40.7	10.48	10.22	10.10
Fabricated Metal Products	445.98	440.66	415.70	44.2	43.5	42.9	10.09	10.13	9.69
Machinery, ex. Electrical	454.79	448.06	401.53	44.5	44.1	40.6	10.22	10.16	9.89
Electric & Electronic Equip.	557.74	634.52	701.56	35.1	42.7	42.7	15.89	14.86	16.43
Transportation Equipment	457.70	447.30	463.27	39.8	39.1	39.8	11.50	11.44	11.64
Nondurable Goods	563.73	559.86	542.23	43.0	43.4	43.0	13.11	12.90	12.61
Food & Kindred Products	324.01	334.53	332.00	40.4	41.3	41.5	8.02	8.10	8.00
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	211.41	233.13	195.96	34.6	36.2	34.5	6.11	6.44	5.68
Paper & Allied Products	671.40	618.19	649.89	45.0	42.9	45.1	14.92	14.41	14.41
Printing & Publishing	418.04	422.96	424.93	37.9	37.9	39.2	11.03	11.16	10.84
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	790.04	816.75	760.84	46.5	48.3	46.0	16.99	16.91	16.54
Petroleum & Coal Products	880.31	821.60	843.13	49.4	47.3	48.4	17.82	17.37	17.42
Petroleum Refining	895.46	831.32	858.44	49.5	47.1	48.2	18.09	17.65	17.81
MINING	604.30	612.70	596.02	46.2	46.7	48.3	13.08	13.12	12.34
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	546.11	538.05	541.83	42.4	42.5	42.9	12.88	12.66	12.63
BANKING	274.17	284.90	296.04	39.0	37.0	38.8	7.03	7.70	7.63

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 132,400 full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and 94,300 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	July '91*	June '91**	July '90**	July '91*	June '91**	July '90**	July '91*	June '91**	July '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	621.97	604.13	608.58	44.3	43.4	44.1	14.04	13.92	13.80
Chemicals and Petro. Products	812.33	789.05	813.38	47.7	46.8	46.8	17.03	16.86	17.38

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 14,900 production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	453.60	460.72	459.10	40.5	40.7	40.7	11.20	11.32	11.28
Durable Goods	405.81	387.27	388.47	40.1	39.0	38.5	10.12	9.93	10.09
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	389.99	343.88	373.11	41.8	39.3	40.6	9.33	8.75	9.19
Fabricated Metal Products	422.03	394.94	395.08	42.5	40.8	41.5	9.93	9.68	9.52
Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair	357.02	342.01	361.34	37.7	36.5	37.6	9.47	9.37	9.61
Nondurable Goods	505.12	538.05	537.84	40.9	42.5	43.2	12.35	12.66	12.45
Food & Kindred Products	337.79	361.09	359.45	37.7	40.3	39.5	8.96	8.96	9.10
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	139.81	143.29	207.86	27.2	26.1	34.3	5.14	5.49	6.06
Printing & Publishing	385.84	407.09	405.72	40.7	39.6	41.4	9.48	10.28	9.80
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	803.38	857.74	793.96	46.6	51.3	47.8	17.24	16.72	16.61

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 31,700 production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	543.30	538.90	503.74	41.6	42.3	41.7	13.06	12.74	12.08
Lumber and Wood Products	350.24	306.90	387.26	44.0	39.6	47.4	7.96	7.75	8.17
Food and Kindred Products	313.05	315.40	302.81	38.6	41.5	37.2	8.11	7.60	8.14
Printing and Publishing	359.45	352.26	374.49	35.0	34.4	36.5	10.27	10.24	10.26
Chemicals & Allied Products	680.89	661.98	636.50	48.6	47.9	50.0	14.01	13.82	12.73

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,500 production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY July, 1991 LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	REVISED June, 1991 LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	REVISED July, 1990 LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE
LOUISIANA	2003.9	1844.8	159.1	7.9	1961.9	1816.2	145.7	7.4	1936.7	1813.6	123.1	6.4
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	61.2	56.5	4.7	7.7	60.5	56.2	4.3	7.1	59.2	55.2	4.0	6.8
Baton Rouge 2/	290.2	268.4	21.8	7.5	282.9	263.4	19.5	6.9	279.7	263.8	15.9	5.7
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	75.0	69.5	5.5	7.3	74.4	69.9	4.5	6.1	71.9	68.3	3.6	4.9
Lafayette 4/	113.0	106.3	6.7	6.0	109.9	103.9	6.0	5.5	109.3	104.3	5.0	4.5
Lake Charles 5/	86.3	78.1	8.2	9.5	83.7	76.8	6.9	8.3	82.4	76.9	5.5	6.7
Monroe 6/	72.8	67.8	5.0	6.9	69.7	64.9	4.8	6.8	71.2	66.9	4.3	6.0
New Orleans 7/	610.7	569.3	41.4	6.8	598.7	559.4	39.3	6.6	594.7	559.0	35.7	6.0
Shreveport 8/	162.1	150.3	11.8	7.3	160.0	149.2	10.8	6.7	156.4	146.7	9.7	6.2

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	INDEX	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR
July 1990	130.4		
July 1991	136.2	+ 0.1	+ 4.4

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

AREA	PRELIMINARY JULY 91 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE	REVISED JUNE 91 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	23,425	20,800	2,625	11.2	22,450	20,600	1,850	8.3
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	10,425	9,225	1,200	11.5	10,225	9,150	1,075	10.5
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,975	6,125	850	12.1	6,700	5,975	725	10.8
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,900	14,800	2,100	12.4	16,825	14,700	2,125	12.6
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,850	12,700	1,150	8.3	13,525	12,525	1,000	7.4
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	7,125	6,450	675	9.3	6,925	6,350	575	8.3
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,400	3,850	550	12.2	4,450	3,900	550	12.5
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,800	4,600	200	4.0	4,725	4,500	225	4.8
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,750	3,275	475	12.8	3,750	3,250	500	13.2
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,725	7,100	625	8.0	7,525	6,950	575	7.7
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,025	8,450	1,575	15.7	9,900	8,375	1,525	15.4
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	11,400	10,250	1,150	10.2	11,475	10,250	1,225	10.6
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,550	3,000	550	15.3	3,600	3,025	575	16.3
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,400	6,825	575	7.9	7,275	6,725	550	7.7
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	14,525	13,275	1,250	8.6	14,100	12,950	1,150	8.2
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	9,300	8,175	1,125	12.1	9,300	8,150	1,150	12.4
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,375	6,675	700	9.3	7,275	6,625	650	9.1
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	28,075	25,950	2,125	7.6	27,600	25,650	1,950	7.1
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,100	10,600	1,500	12.4	11,775	10,375	1,400	11.8
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,500	6,050	450	6.9	6,350	5,950	400	6.3
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	12,375	10,700	1,675	13.6	11,600	10,475	1,125	9.6
JENA (LASALLE)	6,100	5,500	600	9.8	6,025	5,475	550	9.3
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,975	17,125	850	4.8	17,650	16,850	800	4.6
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,800	5,000	800	13.8	5,575	4,900	675	12.2
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	13,300	12,000	1,300	9.8	13,200	11,950	1,250	9.5
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	15,950	14,625	1,325	8.4	15,575	14,350	1,225	7.8
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,750	8,150	600	6.9	8,575	8,025	550	6.5
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,425	6,175	1,250	16.9	7,250	6,100	1,150	15.9
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,325	3,650	675	15.3	4,175	3,550	625	14.9
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,575	7,525	1,050	12.2	8,400	7,450	950	11.4
MANY (SABINE)	10,625	9,800	825	7.7	10,450	9,700	750	7.3
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,000	2,650	350	11.7	2,900	2,575	325	11.4
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	9,675	8,650	1,025	10.5	9,725	8,750	975	9.9
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	31,600	28,050	3,550	11.3	31,325	27,950	3,375	10.8
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	25,725	23,375	2,350	9.1	25,025	23,000	2,025	8.1
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,800	35,150	4,650	11.7	38,725	34,550	4,175	10.8
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	2,525	2,250	275	10.7	2,425	2,225	200	8.4
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,450	7,825	625	7.5	8,425	7,750	675	8.1
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	19,100	17,325	1,775	9.3	18,875	17,225	1,650	8.8
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,650	17,300	1,350	7.2	18,375	17,100	1,275	7.0
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,075	15,975	2,100	11.6	17,675	15,675	2,000	11.3
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,850	18,100	1,750	8.8	19,250	17,575	1,675	8.7
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,825	3,825	1,000	20.6	4,875	3,800	1,075	22.0
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,275	3,975	300	7.0	4,125	3,850	275	6.9
WINNFIELD (WINN)	6,225	5,725	500	7.8	6,150	5,675	475	7.6

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1991*	June 1991**	July 1990**	Net Change From June 1991	Net Change From July 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	46.9	47.4	46.1	- 0.5	+ 0.8
GOODS PRODUCING	6.9	6.9	6.5	0	+ 0.4
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.6	3.6	3.1	0	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	40.0	40.5	39.6	- 0.5	+ 0.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.7	10.6	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.0	1.9	1.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	12.2	12.5	12.3	- 0.3	- 0.1
Health Services	5.4	5.4	5.4	0	0
GOVERNMENT	12.6	13.0	12.2	- 0.4	+ 0.4
Federal	3.0	2.9	2.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
State and Local	9.6	10.1	9.4	- 0.5	+ 0.2
State	4.6	4.6	4.5	0	+ 0.1
Local	5.0	5.5	4.9	- 0.5	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 46,900 for the current month. This estimate was 500 less than last month and 800 more than July, 1990.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,900 for July. This estimate was unchanged from last month and 400 more than July of last year. The increase from last year was centered in the construction industry.

Service producing employment for the current month was estimated at 40,000. This estimate was 500 less than June, as a result of a decrease in local government due to the seasonal reduction of noninstructional personnel. Compared to July of last year, service producing employment increased by 400, with the largest increase centered in government.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1991*	June 1991**	July 1990**	Net Change From June 1991	Net Change From July 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	238.6	238.4	238.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
GOODS PRODUCING	51.6	51.5	50.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	27.4	27.3	26.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
MANUFACTURING	23.3	23.3	22.9	0	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	5.4	5.4	5.5	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	17.9	17.9	17.4	0	+ 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.5	12.5	12.1	0	+ 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	187.0	186.9	187.9	+ 0.1	- 0.9
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	11.3	11.4	11.1	- 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	54.4	54.3	53.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.5	12.5	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Retail Trade	41.9	41.8	41.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
General Merchandise	6.7	6.7	6.6	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.0	12.9	13.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Banking	4.1	4.1	4.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	55.2	55.1	54.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	53.1	53.2	55.5	- 0.1	- 2.4
Federal	2.4	2.4	3.0	0	- 0.6
State and Local	50.7	50.8	52.5	- 0.1	- 1.8
State	26.7	26.5	27.7	+ 0.2	- 1.0
Local	24.0	24.3	24.8	- 0.3	- 0.8

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA rose to a level of 238,600 in July. This figure was 200 greater than the June revised level and 400 higher than the year-ago level. Small employment gains occurred in both the goods and service producing sectors.

Goods producing employment increased to 51,600, up 100 from the June revised estimate and 1,300 above the year-ago estimate. Construction, the only segment reporting an increase, was up 100 due to more business in general nonresidential and heavy construction. Mining and manufacturing employment remained unchanged from the June estimate.

Service producing employment increased to 187,000, up 100 from the June revised estimate, but 900 lower than the year-ago level. A reduction in telephone communications caused transportation, communications, and public utilities to decrease to 11,300. More business in retail gasoline service stations pushed trade employment upward to 54,400. Finance, insurance, and real estate was up 100 due to a short term business project within the real estate industry. Services employment was up 100 due to continued seasonal hiring in amusement and recreation and more business in hotels. Total government decreased to 53,100. This figure was 100 less than the June estimate and 2,400 less than the year-ago estimate. These losses were due to seasonal or temporary cutbacks, however, state government was up 200 in July, 1991 as a result of seasonal nonfaculty hiring at state colleges and universities.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,900 production workers in all manufacturing were $621.97 for July, an increase of $17.84 from the June average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $13.39. Average weekly hours at 44.3 increased by 0.9 hours. Average hourly earnings at $14.04 increased by $0.12 per hour. A longer workweek contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA rose to 290,200 in July. Total employment increased to 268,400, while unemployment increased to 21,800. The unemployment rate for the MSA was 7.5 percent.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,894 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 2,330 referrals to current openings resulted in 130 placements during the month of July.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1991*	June 1991**	July 1990**	Net Change From June 1991	Net Change From July 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.5	60.5	58.7	- 1.0	+ 0.8
GOODS PRODUCING	14.0	14.1	13.3	- 0.1	+ 0.7
MINING	5.7	5.7	5.4	0	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	2.3	2.3	2.1	0	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	6.0	6.1	5.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	4.2	4.4	3.9	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.7	1.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	45.5	46.4	45.4	- 0.9	+ 0.1
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.7	6.7	6.7	0	0
Water Transportation	4.1	4.1	4.2	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.0	14.8	14.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.1	2.9	3.1	+ 0.2	0
Retail Trade	11.9	11.9	11.5	0	+ 0.4
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.2	11.3	11.0	- 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.5	11.5	11.0	- 1.0	- 0.5
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.1	11.1	10.5	- 1.0	- 0.4
State	2.6	3.4	2.9	- 0.8	- 0.3
Local	7.5	7.7	7.6	- 0.2	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA decreased to 59,500, a level 1,000 below June. The change was mostly in service producing employment. Total nonagricultural employment moved up to a level 800 above the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment stood at 14,000, down from June, but 700 over the July, 1990 figure. The durable goods segment of manufacturing decreased due to the completion of contracts. In nondurable goods, employment increased because of the seafood processing season. Mining employment held steady in the best season of the year for outside activity. Construction employment showed no significant change.

Service producing employment showed a decrease of 900, mostly seasonal in nature. Trade added workers in both the wholesale durable and nondurable goods segments. Less favorably, services exhibited a small overall downturn. Government was lowered by summer downward adjustments in educational services in both state and local government.

Estimated unemployment was 5,500 in July. Unemployment presently comprises 7.3 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 847.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1991*	June 1991**	July 1990**	Net Change From June 1991	Net Change From July 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	100.6	99.9	98.6	+ 0.7	+ 2.0
GOODS PRODUCING	26.7	26.7	26.3	0	+ 0.4
MINING	12.6	12.6	12.8	0	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	9.5	9.5	9.1	0	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	3.0	3.0	2.6	0	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	6.5	6.5	6.5	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	73.9	73.2	72.3	+ 0.7	+ 1.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	7.2	7.2	6.7	0	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	26.0	26.2	25.5	- 0.2	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	6.5	6.5	6.2	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	19.5	19.7	19.3	- 0.2	+ 0.2
General Merchandise	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.4	3.3	3.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Banking	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
SERVICES	23.1	23.1	22.6	0	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	14.2	13.4	14.2	+ 0.8	0
Federal	1.0	1.0	1.5	0	- 0.5
State and Local	13.2	12.4	12.7	+ 0.8	+ 0.5
State	4.6	4.4	4.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Local	8.6	8.0	8.5	+ 0.6	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 100,600 in July. This figure was 700 greater than the June revised estimate and 2,000 higher than the year-ago level of 98,600. The increase in employment was due mostly to a seasonal upturn in the government segment of the economy.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 26,700. This total was unchanged from last month's revised estimate. Compared to July of last year, this estimate increased by 400 with the increase located in the manufacturing and construction industries.

Service producing employment was estimated at 73,900. This was an increase of 700 from the June revised estimate of 73,200. Trade was off by 200 with the loss centered in the retail trade segment of the economy. Finance, insurance, and real estate had a minimal increase of 100. Government employment was up by 800 due primarily to summer youth hiring at the local government level.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1991*	June 1991**	July 1990**	Net Change From June 1991	Net Change From July 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	69.4	69.5	68.8	- 0.1	+ 0.6
GOODS PRODUCING	19.0	19.1	19.4	- 0.1	- 0.4
MINING	1.3	1.4	1.3	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	7.6	7.1	6.4	+ 0.5	+ 1.2
MANUFACTURING	10.1	10.6	11.7	- 0.5	- 1.6
Durable Goods	1.3	1.7	3.1	- 0.4	- 1.8
Nondurable Goods	8.8	8.9	8.6	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Chemical & Petro Products	8.0	8.1	7.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	50.4	50.4	49.4	0	+ 1.0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.4	4.6	4.3	- 0.2	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.9	15.9	15.6	0	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	12.4	12.4	12.2	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.8	2.7	2.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
SERVICES	15.4	15.2	14.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	11.9	12.0	12.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.9	0	- 0.3
State and Local	11.3	11.4	11.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
State	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
Local	7.9	8.0	7.9	- 0.1	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 69,400 for July, a decrease of 100 from last month's estimate.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 19,000, a drop of 100 from the June estimate of 19,100. Construction was the only industry in the goods producing sector to show an increase in July and it was up by 500. Manufacturing declined by 500 due primarily to the continuation of layoffs at a major employer in the durable goods manufacturing sector. Mining had a drop of 100 in July.

Service producing employment was estimated at 50,400. This figure was unchanged from last month's revised figure. Transportation, communications, and public utilities lost 200 employees and services gained 200 employees. Finance, insurance, and real estate had a gain of 100, while government employment decreased by 100.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1991*	June 1991**	July 1990**	Net Change From June 1991	Net Change From July 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.6	58.1	59.6	+ 1.5	0
GOODS PRODUCING	11.2	11.0	10.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
MINING	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	2.8	2.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	7.8	7.8	7.8	0	0
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.8	5.8	5.8	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	5.0	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	48.4	47.1	48.7	+ 1.3	- 0.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	3.0	3.0	3.3	0	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.9	15.0	15.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	3.7	3.6	3.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	11.2	11.4	11.1	- 0.2	+ 0.1
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.5	2.6	2.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.2	3.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 0.2
Banking	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
SERVICES	13.8	13.9	13.3	- 0.1	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	12.2	10.7	12.8	+ 1.5	- 0.6
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.7	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.6	10.1	12.1	+ 1.5	- 0.5
State	4.5	3.9	4.5	+ 0.6	0
Local	7.1	6.2	7.6	+ 0.9	- 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 59,600 during July, 1991 was up 1,500 from the June estimate of 58,100 and was the same as the July, 1990 estimate.

Goods producing, estimated at 11,200, was 200 above the June estimate and 300 above the same period one year ago. The over-the-month gain was in construction and reflects the continued repair and reconstruction of properties damaged during the May disasters in the area. Mining and manufacturing were both unchanged over the month and the year.

Service producing, estimated at 48,400, was up 1,300 from the June estimate. The largest gain was in government, 1,500, and reflects summer hiring in special programs for youths. Services and trade were down 100 each. All other segments were unchanged over the month.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1991*	June 1991**	July 1990**	Net Change From June 1991	Net Change From July 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	540.3	541.3	536.5	- 1.0	+ 3.8
GOODS PRODUCING	82.6	82.8	81.6	- 0.2	+ 1.0
MINING	13.9	13.9	13.9	0	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.6	13.6	13.5	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	23.2	23.2	22.7	0	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	45.5	45.7	45.0	- 0.2	+ 0.5
Durable Goods	24.0	24.1	23.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.5	0	- 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.3	2.2	2.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Machinery Inc. Electrical	3.6	3.6	3.2	0	+ 0.4
Transportation Equipment	14.5	14.7	14.4	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	11.0	11.2	10.8	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	21.5	21.6	21.1	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	5.6	5.7	5.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2.2	2.2	1.9	0	+ 0.3
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.8	3.8	3.6	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	457.7	458.5	454.9	- 0.8	+ 2.8
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	44.1	44.5	43.9	- 0.4	+ 0.2
Railroad Transportation	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	8.0	8.1	8.4	- 0.1	- 0.4
Water Transportation	13.7	13.9	13.1	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Comm. & Public Util.	13.2	13.3	13.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	132.9	133.3	133.7	- 0.4	- 0.8
Wholesale Trade	30.8	31.0	31.0	- 0.2	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	17.4	17.4	17.8	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.4	13.6	13.2	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	102.1	102.3	102.7	- 0.2	- 0.6
General Merchandise	12.5	12.5	12.5	0	0
Food Stores	20.4	20.3	20.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	35.8	36.1	36.2	- 0.3	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	31.1	31.3	31.9	- 0.2	- 0.8
Banking	9.8	9.9	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.7
SERVICES	157.5	158.3	152.4	- 0.8	+ 5.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	14.0	14.3	13.9	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Health Services	42.6	42.4	40.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
Educational Services	14.9	15.1	14.7	- 0.2	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	92.1	91.1	93.0	+ 1.0	- 0.9
Federal	16.0	16.0	17.0	0	- 1.0
State and Local	76.1	75.1	76.0	+ 1.0	+ 0.1
State	19.1	18.9	18.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Local	57.0	56.2	57.3	+ 0.8	- 0.3

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the New Orleans MSA in July was estimated at 540,300, down 1,000 from the previous month. Downward adjustments were evident in both industry divisions.

Goods producing employment stood at 82,600, down 200 from June but 1,000 over the July, 1990 figure. In durable goods manufacturing, an increase in fabricated metals employment was offset by a decrease in ship and boat building and repairing. In nondurable goods, food and kindred products experienced a seasonal decline.

Service producing employment was estimated at 457,700. This was 800 below the June total. Transportation, communications, and public utilities displayed small scattered decreases in many industry segments. Trade lost workers as business decreased at eating and drinking places. Finance, insurance, and real estate eased down. Services displayed a moderate overall seasonal decrease. Government was boosted by increased summer hires in state and local government.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $453.60 per week, down $7.12 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 40.5, down 0.2 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $11.20, down $0.12 from June, and eight cents less than July of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 41,400 for July. The unemployment rate registered 6.8 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 8,150.

SHREVEPORT AREA

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1991*	June 1991**	July 1990**	Net Change From June 1991	Net Change From July 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	133.1	135.1	132.4	- 2.0	+ 0.7
GOODS PRODUCING	26.6	27.1	26.9	- 0.5	- 0.3
MINING	3.0	3.1	3.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	6.6	6.7	6.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	17.0	17.3	17.4	- 0.3	- 0.4
Durable Goods	11.5	11.8	11.7	- 0.3	- 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.9	1.9	2.1	0	- 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	4.5	4.8	4.4	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	4.7	4.7	4.8	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.5	5.5	5.7	0	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	106.5	108.0	105.5	- 1.5	+ 1.0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.2	8.2	8.3	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	33.2	32.7	32.1	+ 0.5	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade	7.8	7.7	7.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	25.4	25.0	24.2	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.7	6.6	6.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
SERVICES	34.0	34.4	34.2	- 0.4	- 0.2
GOVERNMENT	24.4	26.1	24.5	- 1.7	- 0.1
Federal	5.0	5.0	5.2	0	- 0.2
State and Local	19.4	21.1	19.3	- 1.7	+ 0.1
State	6.5	6.4	6.5	+ 0.1	0
Local	12.9	14.7	12.8	- 1.8	+ 0.1

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Shreveport MSA decreased in July to 133,100, down from the June revised estimate of 135,100. The year-ago total for this area was 132,400. Both goods and service producing employment decreased over the month. These decreases were mostly seasonal changes.

Goods producing employment in July dropped 500 below the June revised estimate, with job losses occurring in manufacturing, construction, and mining. Construction jobs, estimated at 6,700, fell 100 below the June revised figure. Jobs in mining moved down to 3,000 in July, 100 less than June and the year-ago estimates. A temporary plant closing caused manufacturing jobs to drop to 17,000, down 300 from June.

Service producing jobs, estimated at 106,500, decreased 1,500 over the month, but remained above the year-ago estimate of 105,500. The most significant over-the-month change occurred in local government as public school payrolls declined for the summer. Trade, at 33,200, rose from the June estimate of 32,700 and the year-ago total of 32,100. Finance, insurance, and real estate moved up slightly to 6,700, up from 6,600 in June and 6,400 one year ago.

The 12,500 production workers in manufacturing had average weekly earnings of $543.30, up $4.40 from last month and was $39.56 more than one year ago. Average weekly hours of 41.6 moved 0.7 hours below the June average and 0.1 hours below July, 1990. The average hourly earnings of $13.06 moved up $0.32 over the month and was $0.98 more than the comparable period one year ago.

This area had a civilian labor force of 162,100 in July, including 150,300 employed and 11,800 unemployed, with an unemployment rate of 7.3 percent. The unemployment rate averaged 6.9 percent for the past three months (May, June, July) compared to 6.5 percent for the same months one year ago.

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